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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to express my support for your expedited consideration of applications that would effectively increase competition in Iowa's long distance market. This month Qwest will file an application with the Federal Communications Commission in an attempt to enter long distance market in Iowa.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 sought to increase competition in the long distance marketplace of the benefit of consumers. I believe that allowing for increased competition by the Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs) will result in more favorable conditions for consumers. In states with increased competition this hypothesis has certainly proven accurate.

The Iowa Utilities Board recently found, through its work and testing with 12 other states, that competition is a viable plan.

Mr. Chairman, Iowa's future economic prosperity relies upon a competitive telecommunications marketplace. Your timely and favorable consideration of all pertinent applications are much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jim Nussle
Member of Congress

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